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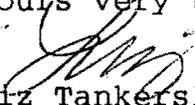
Mr. Bruce Reed
Deputy Director for Domestic Policy
The White House
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Dear Bruce:

Several recent stories related to the President's views on crime and violence suggest that the "violence summit" might be on hold. Senator Boxer wanted me to convey to the President how supportive she remains of such a conference. She believes it would be the most effective way for the President to mobilize public support for major anti-violence initiatives, especially those that involve changing social attitudes and cultural mores.

If you didn't see the enclosed Jonathan Yardley piece, you might want to read it. I think it lays out quite well how complex the violence problem is, and how difficult it will be to do anything about it without an honest examination of the cultural biases that allow it to continue.

Yours very truly,


Liz Tankersley
Legislative Director

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Caught in the Whirlwind of Violence

Out of bed betimes and to the newspapers, which last week conspicuously displayed stories about a federal appeals court's decision permitting broadcasters to present "indecent" material between 6 a.m. and midnight. Then, after breakfast, to a place where I became captive audience to a radio show in the course of which a song celebrating the latter-day Frankie and Johnny was played: a ballad of John and Lorena in which errant husbands were warned that misbehavior could result in the summary removal of one's "ding-dong."

Then back home, just in time for the evening news, which led with the story of a man who burned to death after the bed in which he was sleeping was soaked with charcoal fluid and ignited. "I did it," his widow said. Fed up with what she described as abuse, she aimed, according to a police report, "to kill her husband before he killed her."

It is anything except clear whether Patricia Ann Hawkins of Baltimore was inspired by the example of Lorena Bobbitt of suburban Virginia, but in all this tangle of radio broadcasts and television news shows and domestic bloodshed and court decisions there is a common theme. In this age of the global village, information gets around so rapidly and is presented with such immediacy that the impulse to act upon it can be irresistible, whereas by the same token the proper role of the state in governing this impulse is almost impossible to define.

What follows is not yet another jeremiad about obscene radio broadcasts and witless television news programs. If these media and those who operate them in some measure shape the times, they also are creatures of the times. The ebb and flow of affairs in the contemporary world is so subtle and complex that to ascribe final authority to any single element is vastly to oversimplify matters. But we do ourselves no favors unless we acknowledge one central fact of life in the late 20th century: The power of the media to suggest behavior is stupendous, and the ways in which they have altered the world are too numerous to comprehend.

We may not be in for a wave of penisectomies and flaming mattresses as a direct consequence of *l'affaire Bobbitt*, but the speed with which the ballad of John and Lorena has raced into popular mythology is breathtaking; it provides powerful testimony to the power of the mass media not merely to relay information but also to provide the forum in which that information acquires new and unanticipated dimensions. Thus it was that the same radio show on which I heard the "ding-dong" song also ran a mock contest to title the movie that sooner or later will emerge from all this; that the competing entries were too smutty for publication in this newspaper but not too smutty for broadcast over the public airwaves suggests just how slippery is the territory we now find ourselves inhabiting.

In the Bobbitt story there is the leavening ingredient of humor, which no doubt has defused much of the potential of the case to inflame aggrieved women to acts of retaliatory violence against bullying or disloyal men. But it is no exaggeration to say that a dominant force in contemporary society is a media infrastructure that feeds off aberrant behavior and in so doing inevitably encourages it.

By now billions of dollars must have been spent on high-powered studies of the connections between

image and actuality, studies aimed at determining whether a popular culture that celebrates licentious sexuality and lurid violence contributes to their spread. Various personages variously credentialed stroke their goatees and tell us that on the one hand this while on the other hand that, but anyone possessed of a minimal amount of common sense will reach the obvious judgment: The connection is clear and indisputable, just as the means of coping with it are fuzzy and debatable.

That anyone could seriously dispute the power of the media to sway the emotions as well as the mind is ridiculous on its face. Does anyone honestly believe that a 14-year-old child can sit through two hours of cinematic sex and violence and come away with ironic distance fully in place?

One of the most vivid memories of my youth is of emerging into bright daylight after a movie starring James Dean or Marlon Brando or Paul Newman. For a while, until the sunlight finally penetrated my benumbed brain, I walked and talked and thought in the image of the man on the screen who so forcibly imprinted himself upon me. For a while I was transformed, my defenses having been lowered against the irresistible combination of glamour and violence and grace.

Those were the 1950s, when "The Wild Ones" and "Rebel Without a Cause" and "The Long Hot Summer" were about as hot as it got. These are the 1990s, and those movies run on nostalgia channels while the mainstream is congested with films about million-dollar rolls in the hay and TV shows about cops and crooks who slaughter each other with the latest high-tech contributions to the American arsenal. Is all this stuff emitted into a vacuum? Of course it isn't; it is soaked up by an audience that has come to take such excesses for granted, indeed to expect them.

Hollywood makes, we take. Or is it we demand, Hollywood supplies? The line is difficult to discern, but only the terminally obtuse could contend that there is no connection between violent image and violent reality. Take for example all the pious pop psychologizing about the relationship between rap music and urban violence. Did rap cause the mayhem? Of course not. Is rap an incentive to it? Of course it is. Masquerading as social protest, rap cynically exacerbates the grievances of young people who start out with enough legitimate ones as it is. To say that rap is an innocent bystander is poppycock, just as it is to say the same of all the rest of the music and television and radio and films that keep pushing the envelope toward chaos.

To say this is hardly to say that solutions are as easy to devise as the problem is to identify. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia acknowledged as much last week when it overturned the federal ban on indecent radio broadcasts in hours when children are most likely to be listening. To be sure the decision leaves unresolved the question of how much right the public has to control the airwaves it owns and licenses, but the conflict it acknowledges between rights of free speech and the desire to be shielded from unwanted offense is very real and very complex.

But however much we may argue that issue, let's face reality and stop debating the other. Violent images exacerbate violent reality; it's as simple as that. If we want the former, as alas it seems we do, we'd better learn how to live with the latter.

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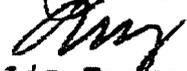
Mr. Bruce Reed
Deputy Director for Domestic Policy
Office of the President

Dear Bruce,

Because of the President's interest in the violence issue, I thought you might like to know of several upcoming related events in California. Enclosed are an article on Governor Wilson's planned "crime summit" and a letter from the San Francisco Bar Association regarding an upcoming town meeting on violence and guns.

As Senator Boxer said in her letter last week to the President, we want to work with you in the development and implementation of any plans you may have to hold a national "violence summit". Please let me know what we can do to be helpful.

Sincerely,



Liz Tankersley
Legislative Director

Daily News
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Wilson announces plans for crime summit in L.A.

By Anne Burke
Daily News Staff Writer

GRANADA HILLS — Gov. Pete Wilson called for sharply increasing penalties for arson, child molestation and other crimes Wednesday as he announced plans to convene a statewide summit on crime in January.

Aides said Wilson chose the San Fernando Valley to make his announcement because it has been a safe area historically but is now seeing an upswing in crime.

Ironically, a 30-year-old man was shot to death just across the street

from the Granada Hills branch library, where Wilson held his news conference, early Wednesday morning.

"Personal security should be the first right of every Californian," Wilson said, flanked by crime victims. "I'm now asking for a commitment to break gridlock and fight crime. There's too much at stake not to. Lives literally hang in the balance."

Wilson called for increasing penalties in the following cases:

- Child molestation. Wilson

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wants automatic prison time for anyone convicted of child molestation and a sentence of life in prison for repeat sex offenders.

■ **Arson.** Under current law, the maximum sentence for arson is nine years in prison. Wilson wants a sentence of life in prison for repeat offenders, for arson fires that cause massive damage or for fires started during times of high fire danger.

■ **Carjackings and drive-by shootings.** Wilson wants to make the death penalty or a sentence of life in prison without parole mandatory in cases where life is lost in commission of these crimes.

■ **Illegal weapons.** Wilson wants to impose sentences of life in prison without parole in cases where career criminals are caught with illegal weapons. Such crimes now are punishable by a sentence of three years in prison.

■ **Teen-age criminals.** Minors convicted of serious crimes must be released at age 25. Wilson wants to try the most violent teen-agers age 14 and older as adults and allow them to remain in custody past the age of 25 if their sentences so warrant.

Wilson also wants to reduce the ability of prisoners to cut their sentences through good behavior, so that the amount of time they serve more closely matches their sentence.

A representative of the California Trial Lawyers Association said the organization had not reviewed Wilson's proposals and would have no comment Wednesday.

Wilson said he plans to convene the crime summit in Los Angeles in January, and said all law enforcement officials and people interested in public safety will be invited to attend.

Before the news conference, Wilson held an emotional meeting with crime victims and families of those killed in Los Angeles area homicides.

Sitting in a circle inside the Granada Hills branch of the Los Angeles Public Library, Wilson appeared solemn as he listened to tearful family members recount the horrors of their experiences.

Jennifer Chough, 19, sobbed as she told Wilson that her father, Soowon Chough of Anaheim, was gunned down by a robber in Koreatown on Oct. 24, even though he gave him money.

"I just don't want to be afraid

The victims and families were members of the Northridge-based Mad About Rising Crime. Founders Clark and Lin Squires lost a son, Marc, 15, in a fatal shooting in Chatsworth.

"We can't choose what happens to us, but we can choose what we do about it," Lin Squires said. "The time for action is now."

Carole Holden, mother of John Holden, a teen-ager shot to death during a robbery at Ameci Pizza & Pasta in Northridge last year, said she thinks Wilson's proposal is a step in the right direction.

"I hope we stop slapping people on the wrists and letting them go," she said.

Less than 50 yards away, chalk arrows marked blood stains where Los Angeles city Fire Department paramedics found the body of Robert Cable, 30, of Granada Hills at 12:04 a.m.

Cable had been shot several times. Police had no motive on Wednesday night, and the suspect remained at large.

Wilson aide Lisa Bierer said Granada Hills was selected as the site for the announcement because it historically is a low-crime area that is facing an upswing in offenses such as automated teller machine robberies, follow-home robberies and purse snatchings.

Police refer to those offenses as "indicator crimes" because they signal a movement of more serious crime into a neighborhood, Bierer said.

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Senator Barbara Boxer
United State Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Boxer:

On behalf of the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) and The San Francisco Foundation, I wanted to alert you to our upcoming Town Hall Meeting on violence and guns in our community and potential solutions, moderated by Chief Judge Thelton Henderson. The Program will be held on November 18, 1993, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Golden Gate University Auditorium, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco.

The Town Hall Meeting will address one of the most important social and political issues of our times: the impact of violence, and particularly gun violence, on our community and the efficacy of proposed solutions. This year alone, we have seen the massacre at 101 California Street; the release of a study that shows that a significant number of children bring guns to school; the use of metal detectors in our public schools; and increased efforts to limit the sale and use of firearms. These events have highlighted for everyone in our community what some segments of the population have known for a long time: gun-related violence is a deadly and uncontrolled problem that affects all of us.

The Meeting will consist of two parts, each lasting one hour, followed by a reception. In the first part, several speakers will discuss the effects of gun-related violence on various parts of our community, with twenty minutes of moderated audience participation to follow.

In the second part, speakers will discuss various solutions, including gun control, and their usefulness. Among other speakers, Chuck Ehrlich, of Pettit & Martin, and currently President of the Legal Community Against Violence, will discuss, with the President of Handgun Control, Inc., proposed national and statewide

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legislation regulating gun purchase and use, including the Brady Bill, waiting periods, assault rifle bans, and possible increased taxes on purchases of firearms and ammunition.

We hope that this Meeting, like the Rodney King forum, will enable audience members to come away with a sense of hope and a concrete way to work toward a solution.

We know you'll be in Washington sighting the good fight, but that you will be here in spirit.

Sincerely,

Drucilla S. Ramey

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Executive Director

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A Town Hall Meeting on Guns and Violence in Our Community

"If we are to survive, this nation must end its love affair with guns."
United States Attorney General Janet Reno

Moderator:

The Honorable Thelton E. Henderson

Chief Judge, U.S. District Court
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United States District Court Chief Judge Thelton Henderson will moderate an unusual Town Hall Meeting focusing on the proliferation of handguns in this city, the toll of death and destruction that follows in their wake, and what each of us can do about

The Meeting will encourage audience interaction with speakers ranging from community leaders, lawyers, shopkeepers, representatives of the Police Department, and violence prevention activists to students, teachers, emergency room physicians, and victims of the 101 California massacre and other gun-caused tragedies. At the reception immediately following the program, attendees will be encouraged to become acquainted and active with a number of gun control/violence prevention organizations who will be sending representatives and materials.

November 18, 1993
Program: 4:30-6:30 pm
Admission is Free

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November 9, 1993

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Summit*

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Last week, the Senate unanimously approved an amendment I offered to the crime bill which calls upon you to convene a national conference -- a "summit" -- on violence in America. I am writing today to urge you to make this idea a reality as soon as possible.

Mr. President, in the past few months, your calls for a national campaign against violence have stirred the hopes of all Americans who believe we must do something to end this terrible scourge. I commend both you and the First Lady for speaking out on this crisis.

Just as the Little Rock summit last December helped focus the nation on the problems in our economy and the policies needed to solve them, I believe that a Presidential Summit on Violence in America -- led by you and the First Lady -- would galvanize public resolve to take all appropriate and necessary steps to end the cycle of horror that is ripping our social fabric to shreds.

The epidemic of violence has reached into every American community; it also affects the lives of the richest and the poorest among us, and people of every ethnic and economic background. All of our social and cultural institutions -- from public schools and religious centers to entertainment and sports events -- have become forums for expressions of intolerance and violent acts toward one another. I believe that every person, group and institution thus has a role to play in ending the epidemic of violence that is eating away at our civilization.

I would urge you to include in a Summit on Violence participants from all regions of the country and all walks of life, both public and private. Everyone must be at the table: appropriate members of your administration; public officials such as mayors, governors, and members of Congress; judges, prosecutors, police chiefs, and juvenile defenders; teachers and school administrators; doctors, public health officials, and social workers; religious leaders and community activists; representatives of the media and the entertainment industry; authors, critics, sociologists, and child psychologists.

Letter to the President
November 9, 1993

Mr. President, I want to work with you and the First Lady to fight this battle. With your leadership, I believe we can win. We can turn our society around, so that once again our children will go to school to learn, people will stroll through their neighborhoods without fear, and the American way of life will once again be characterized by a spirit of community, tolerance and respect for human life.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
United States Senator

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November 16, 1993

The President and Mrs. Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Clinton:

The Yale Law Journal issue for October included several tributes to Justice Byron White on the occasion of his retirement. I thought you might like to see my contribution to the issue: "Justice White and the Yale Legal Realists."

You will note that within a few months of his appointment in 1962, Justice White announced to his new colleagues that he was "unwilling to sweep . . . under the rug" the "festering problem" of crime. See Reprint at 13-14. Here we are over 30 years later; it is still festering and worse.

In casting about for ways to address crime problems (beyond the pending legislation), it occurs to me that you might want to consider something like the Wilkersham Commission appointed by President Hoover in 1929 to study and report on the enforcement of the Prohibition laws and law enforcement generally. Its comprehensive Reports are models for work of that kind. H.R. No. 252, 71st Cong., 2d Sess. and H.R. No. 722, 71st Cong. 3d Sess. ←

In addition to all the legislation and other ad hoc proposals now under consideration, you might want to consider appointing another Commission, chaired by someone like Justice White, to make a similar comprehensive study of violent crime and programs that can contain it.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Oberdorfer

Enclosure

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 18, 1993

Louis F. Oberdorfer
1423 Kirby Road
McLean, Virginia 22101

Dear Louis:

Thanks for your letter and for sending the monograph you wrote about Justice White for the Yale Law Journal. I appreciate your sharing it with me.

I also appreciate your suggestion of a commission to study possible solutions to the serious problem of violent crime in our nation. Your counsel, as always, means a lot to me.

Sincerely,

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*(It's a good idea
Thank you)*